

## Council Meeting

13 October 2020

### Re-appointment of the Independent Member of Audit and Governance Committee



Report of the Chief Finance Officer (s151 Officer)

Ward(s) affected: All

#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To formally approve the re-appointment of Mr Greg Robinson as the independent member on Audit and Governance Committee

#### 2. Recommendations

Council recommends

- 2.1 The re-appointment of Mr Greg Robinson as an Independent Member of the Audit and Governance Committee in a non-voting capacity for a final 3-year term, effective from the Annual Council Meeting on 5 August 2020.
- 2.2 That the position be unremunerated with the exception of travel and subsistence allowances as laid down in the scheme of members' allowances.

#### 3. Background Information

- 3.1 At the Annual Council meeting on 5 June 2014 it was resolved that a suitably qualified and experienced person is co-opted to the Audit and Governance Committee in a non-voting capacity.

#### 4. The Report

- 4.1 Having an independent, external person co-opted to the council's audit committee assists the application of good governance and scrutiny.
- 4.2 Feedback from members of the Audit and Governance Committee is that the independent member role has added value to the work of the Committee and assisted members with their duties as members of the Committee and that they would like the role to continue.

4.3 On that basis, Mr Greg Robinson has been approached and has agreed to serve a further three-year term. Both Mr Greg Robinson and the Chief Finance Officer have agreed that this should be Mr Greg Robinson's final term in the role and so a process to appoint a new independent member will be progressed in due course.

## **5. Implications**

### **5.1 Financial and Value for Money Implications**

None other than travel and subsistence allowances.

### **5.2 Legal implications**

In accepting an appointment an independent person agrees to be bound by the Members' Code of Conduct.

### **5.3 Contribution to Council Priorities**

Financial Resilience through appropriate procedures and practices.

### **5.4 Risk Management**

Implementation of measures to improve the Council's governance arrangements help to mitigate against corporate governance risks.

### **5.5 Equality Impact Assessment**

The Council's Equality Impact Assessment Procedure **has been** followed. An Equality Impact Assessment **has not** been completed on the proposals as completion of **Stage 1- Initial Screening** of the Procedure identified that the proposed policy, strategy, procedure or function **does not have** the potential to cause negative impact or discriminate against different groups in the community based on •age • disability •gender • race/ethnicity • religion or religious belief (faith) •sexual orientation, or • rural isolation.

## **6. Consultations with Others**

Members of Audit and Governance Committee, Monitoring Officer and Chief Executive.

## **7. Access to Information : Background Documents**

None

## **8. Author of the Report**

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## **9. Appendices**

None